

FINA Swimming World Cup 2018 - Preview Kazan

General

- Kazan will host the first meet of seven in the 30th season of FINA Swimming World Cup.
- Kazan will host World Cup events for the first time and will become the third Russian city to serve as host for the competition, following Moscow and Saint Petersburg.
- Moscow had hosted World Cup events on an annual basis from the 2003/2004 season to 2017 onwards. Saint Petersburg hosted the World Cup in both the 1991 and 1991/1992 cycles.

Women

- Hungary's Katinka Hosszú has won more World Cup individual events than any other swimmer (252). She was also part of a winning relay at the World Cup twice (both times in 2012).
- With her 252 victories in individual World Cup races, Hosszú is well ahead of the next most prolific female swimmer, Slovakia's Martina Moravcová on 105.
- Breaststroke is the only stroke Katinka Hosszú has not won a World Cup race in. Her 252 race wins came in individual medley (116), freestyle (62), backstroke (46) and butterfly (28).
- Since 2012, Hosszú has won 116 of 130 women's individual medley races contested at the World Cup. No other female swimmer in that span has won more than three (Mireia Belmonte on three).
- Since the Rio de Janeiro 2016 Olympic Games there have been 257 individual women's World Cup races of which 100 were won by Hosszú (73 in 2016 and 27 in 2017). In that span, Jeanette Ottesen comes next with 32 race wins (all in 2016).
- Last season, Hosszú topped all World Cup swimmers by winning 27 individual World Cup events, two more than Sweden's Sarah Sjöström (25).
- Despite winning two fewer individual World Cup races than Katinka Hosszú last season, Sarah Sjöström still comfortably topped the women's individual standings last season, her 629 points trumping the Hungarian's 482.
- Katinka Hosszú had topped the individual points standings in each of her first five seasons in the World Cup (2012-2016), before being unseated by Sjöström last year. The swimmer preceding Hosszú as winner of the overall points standings also represented Sweden. Therese Alshammar topped that list in 2010 and 2011, as well as in the 2005/2006 and 2007 seasons.
- Sarah Sjöström has won 40 individual World Cup races, with last season being the only one in which she won more than nine (25).
- Sjöström won 25 of her 40 individual World Cup races in freestyle events and another 15 in butterfly events.

Men

- Last season, the men's individual World Cup standings were topped by South Africa's Chad Le Clos. With 447 points, Le Clos left Russia's Vladimir Morozov (333 points) in his wake.
- Last season, Le Clos won the standings for the fourth time in his World Cup career, following 2011, 2013 and 2014. His four overall victories are most by any male swimmer since the introduction of the current ranking system in 2001/02.
- In 2016, Vladimir Morozov became the first swimmer representing Russia to top the overall World Cup standings since the introduction of the current ranking system in 2001/02.
- Le Clos has won more World Cup races (138, all individual events) than any other male swimmer. Morozov is next on 66 individual World Cup race wins. In addition, Morozov has been part of 14 victorious relay races in the competition.

- Of Chad Le Clos his 138 career World Cup victories, 93 have come in butterfly events, 22 in individual medley events, 20 in freestyle events and three in backstroke events.
- Since the Rio de Janeiro 2016 Olympic Games, Le Clos and Morozov have each won 47 men's individual World Cup races. In addition, Morozov has won 14 relay events, giving him 61 total World Cup victories in the current Olympic cycle.